

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 485
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate our most valuable
colleague, Representative John Mark Windle on
the celebration of his 43rd birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body should pause to recognize a most significant
milestone in the life of one of Tennessee's finest citizens and most courageous legislators,
Representative John Mark Windle, who is presently serving this Nation in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, proudly continuing the noble military traditions of the Volunteer State,
Representative Windle is a Major in the Tennessee Army National Guard who serves with the
Judge Advocate General Corps; he was deployed to active duty with the 278th Armored Cavalry
Regiment in 2004; and

WHEREAS, John Mark Windle was injured while serving on active duty in Iraq on March
18th of this year; thankfully, he is expected to make a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, Representative Windle will celebrate his 43rd birthday on May 21, 2005, a
milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant;
and

WHEREAS, as John Mark slowly, but surely, approaches the plateau known as "The Big
5-0," we should commiserate with this remarkable gentleman as he regretfully witnesses the
graying and, in some instances, the disappearance of his hair; and

WHEREAS, as he listens to his arteries harden on this special occasion, Representative
Windle can fondly reminisce about his illustrious fifteen-year career in the General Assembly
and his many accomplishments as an attorney; and

WHEREAS, it is a sad, but true, fact that our apparently boyish colleague is entering the
autumn of his years, that degenerative time of life when one's eyesight falters, when one's

bones creak, when rising to one's feet from a sitting position occasions numerous grunts and an undue amount of effort, and when one's memory tries mightily to fulfill its functions, but only produces a feeble flicker of recognition as it fails miserably in its attempt to provide that elusive date, telephone number or relative's name; and

WHEREAS, we can only wish our friend and colleague John Mark Windle all the best of these aforementioned delights of turning 43 as he fast approaches his sixth decade; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commiserate with our friend and most valuable colleague, Representative John Mark Windle on the celebration of his 43rd birthday and join with him in mourning the passing of his youth, even as we wish him much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we honor and thank John Mark for his brave and meritorious service to this Nation as a member of our military forces in Iraq and wish him Godspeed and a safe return home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.